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1. SUMMARY: SCATTERED STUDENT PROTEST ACTIVITY CONTINUED DEC 17-18 AND AUTHORITIES ISSUED STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE TOLERATED SO LONG AS PUBLIC ORDER NOT DISTURBED. FOLLOWING BASED MAINLY ON PRESS ACCOUNTS. END SUMMARY.

2. "MOBILIZERS OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION" (ABOUT TWENTY IN NUMBER) STAGED PROTEST ACTION ON MAIN JAKARTA THOROFARE (JL. THAMRIN) MORNING OF DEC 17 PROTEYQING MALDISTRIBUTION OF FRUITS OF FOREIGN AID ANDIN STMENT, FAVORITISM TO CHINESE, ETC. AFTER NORMALLY HORRENDOUS TRAFFIC HAD BECOME HOPELESSLY SNARLED AS RESULT OF PROTEST, SIX ACTIVISTS WERE DETAINED FOR INTERROGATION (INCLUDING FORMER RUNNER-UP BEAUTY QUEEN ELVRY NASUTION WHO FIRST MADE HEADLINES DURING 1971 "MINI" PROTEST). AS USUAL THEY WERE RELEASED FOLLOWING DAY.

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3. UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA WAS SCENE OF DEC 18 -SOLIDARITY GATHERING" ATTENDED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS AND SPONSORED BY STUDENT SENATES OF ELEVEN FACULTIES. SENATES ISSUED STATEMENT PLEDGING CONTINUED STRUGGLE FOR BETTERING OF NATIONAL LIFE. STUDENTS ENGAGED IN DIALOGUE WITH ASSISTANT RECTOR SLAMET SANTOSO, WHO TOLD THEM THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE A PROGRAM. SANTOSO SAID UP TO NOW "GENERATION OF '66" PROTESTERS HAD ACHIEVED LITTLE BECAUSE THEY LACKED PROGRAM AND (ACCORDING KOMPAS) OBSERVED "STUDENTS THAT**SPIRIT SLACKENS AFTER YOU GET A HOLDEN OR A VW." STUDENTS CANCELED SECOND HALF OF GATHERING (WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY TO HAVE FEATURED BURNINGS-IN-EFFIGY OF CERTAIN PRESENTIAL ASSISTANTS AND OTHER UNPOPULAR PUBLIC FIGURES) BECAUSE OF DEATH OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION SUMANTRI.

4. ON SAME DAY JAKARTA GARRISON COMMANDER BRIG. GEN. MANTIK TOLD PRESS THAT "DEMONSTRATIONS" AND OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITIES ARE PERMISSABLE AS LONG AS THEY DON'T DISTURB PUBLIC ORDER. IN SIMILAR VEIN INFORMATION MINISTER MASHURI SAUDY YOUTH ACTIVITIES WOULD BE TOLERATED AS LONG AS THEY ARE "CONSTRUCTIVE."

5. "GENERATION OF '66 STUDENT DAILY HARIAN KAMI PUBLISHED RETRACTION OF EARLIER REPORT THAT 3,000 STUDENTS HAD PARTICIPATED IN DEC 14-15 YOGYAKARTA DEMONSTRATIONS (REF A). ACCORDING KAMI, CHECK WITH ITS CORRESPONDENT IN YOGA REVEALED THAT ONLY THIRTY WERE ACTUALLY INVOLVED. (DISTORTION UNDERSTANDABLE SINCE ORIGINAL REPORT PICKED UP FROM AP STORY CARRIED IN SINGAPORE STRAITS TIMES.)

6. "EXTRA UNIVERSITY" STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (MOSLEM HMI, NATIONALIST GMNI, ETC.) ISSUED JOINT STATEMENT DEC 18 POINTING OUT THAT THEY ARE NOT AFFILIATES OF GOLKAR-SPONSORED YOUTH COMMITTEE (KNPI) AND THAT THEIR LEADERS WHO SERVE IN LATTER ORGANIZATION DO SO ONLY IN "PRIVATE" CAPACITY. COMMENT: GOLKAR'S "YOUTH" FRONT HAS BECOME VIRTUAL PUBLIC LAUGHING STOCK AS RESULT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF JOHNNY-COME-LATELY PROTEST DELEGATION WHICH IT SENT TO BAPPENAS ON DEC 7 (REF B) AND WHICH (AS NOTED BY PRESS) INCLUDED ONE OF ALI MURTOPO'S MILITARY AIDES. KLIEFORTH

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